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**COMBINED DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND  
VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

**DECLARATION:**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUDITING A TENSION LOAD IN THE THREADED FASTENER**

the specification of which (check only one item below):

☒ [X] is attached hereto.

☐ [ ] was filed as United States application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on or through \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

☐ [ ] was filed as PCT international application Number \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or §365(a) of any PCT international application(s) which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application(s) having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s) and any Priority Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §119:

Priority Claimed

(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Mo/Yr Filed)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

60/070,051

December 30, 1997

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Prior U. S. Application(s) or PCT International Application(s) Designating the U.S. for Benefit Under 35 U.S.C. §120:

(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)
(Application Number)	(Filing Date)	(Status: patented, pending, abandoned)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY:

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) Thomas N. Young, Patent Office Registration No. 20985, Andrew R. Basile, Patent Office Registration No. 24753, William M. Hanlon, Jr., Patent Office Registration No. 28422, Marshall G. MacFarlane, Patent Office Registration No. 30403, Donald L. Wood, Patent Office Registration No. 20014, Thomas D. Helmholtz, Patent Office Registration No. 33181, Todd L. Moore, Patent Office Registration No. 36874, Jason J. Young, Patent Office Registration No. 34048, and Thomas E. Bejin, Patent Office Registration No. 37089 as my attorney(s) and/or agent(s), to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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## VERIFIED STATEMENT:

I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under §41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-entitled invention described in the specification.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern or organization;  
☒ person, concerns or organizations listed below

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☐ INDIVIDUAL ☒ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Applicant or Patentee: Ralph S. ShobergSerial or Patent No: 60/070,051Attorney's Docket No.: RST-004Filed or Issued: December 30, 1997Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUDITING A TENSION LOAD IN THE THREADED FASTENER

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27 (c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
- ☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: R S Technologies, Ltd.ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: 37428 Hills Tech DriveFarmington Hills, Michigan 48331

I hereby declare that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9 (d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUDITING A TENSION LOAD IN THE THREADED FASTENER

by inventor(s) Ralph S. Shoberg described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
- ☒ application serial no. 60/070,051, filed December 30, 1997
- ☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below \* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9 (d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e). \*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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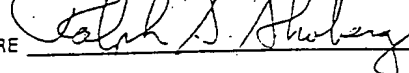
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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING Ralph S. ShobergTITLE OF PERSON IF OTHER THAN OWNER PRESIDENTADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING 37428 Hills Tech Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331SIGNATURE  DATE FEB. 20, 1998

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